

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 1-3, 6, 12, 23, 30, 40, 50-54, 57, 60-62, 71, 79, and 83, and add new claims 84-108, as follows:

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1. (Amended) A product application device, comprising:  
a receptacle having a variable inside volume configured to contain a product;  
a cosmetic or care product contained in the receptacle;  
an applicator element;  
a housing for receiving at least part of the applicator element;  
a closure element configured to close the housing in a substantially leak-proof manner when the applicator element is received at least partially in the housing; and  
a dip tube configured to extend substantially to the bottom of the receptacle, wherein the applicator element is removable from the housing, and wherein the dip tube is configured to enable the housing to be in flow communication with product flowing from the receptacle.

2. (Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the device is configured to allow a reduction in the variable inside volume of the receptacle from a first volume to a second volume smaller than the first volume, and

wherein the reduction from the first volume to the second volume generates pressure inside the receptacle for causing the product to flow into the housing via the dip tube.

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3. (Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the level of the product contained in the receptacle is selected so that, prior to first use, an end of the dip tube configured to extend substantially to the bottom of the receptacle lies above the level of the product when the receptacle is turned upside-down.

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6. (Amended) The device of claim 5, wherein the end wall is substantially planar.

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~~12~~. (Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the applicator element is fixed to the closure element.

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~~23~~. (Amended) *for a cosmetic or care product*  
A product application device, comprising:  
a receptacle having a variable inside volume configured to contain a product;  
an applicator element;  
a housing for receiving at least part of the applicator element;  
a closure element configured to close the housing in a substantially leak-proof manner when the applicator element is received at least partially in the housing; and  
a dip tube configured to extend substantially to the bottom of the receptacle, wherein the dip tube is configured to enable the housing to be in flow communication with product flowing from the receptacle,  
wherein at least one of the closure element and the housing defines a removable unit configured to be associated with the receptacle to fill the unit with the product, and wherein the applicator element is received within the removable unit.

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~~46~~ 30. (Amended) The device of claim ~~29~~<sup>45</sup>, further comprising a second closure element for closing the portion when the removable unit is not received by the portion.

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~~29~~ 40. (Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the product contained in the receptacle comprises a cosmetic product.

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~~49~~ 50. (Amended) A product application device, comprising:  
a receptacle having a variable inside volume configured to contain a product;  
a cosmetic or care product contained in the receptacle;  
an applicator element;  
a first portion and a second portion configured to cooperate together to define a substantially leak-proof enclosure for the applicator element; and  
a dip tube configured to extend to the bottom of the receptacle,  
wherein the applicator element is removable from the housing, and  
wherein the dip tube is configured to enable the enclosure to be in flow communication with product flowing from the receptacle.

~~50~~ ~~49~~ 51. (Amended) The device of claim ~~50~~<sup>49</sup>, wherein the first portion comprises a housing for receiving at least part of the applicator element, and the second portion comprises a closure element configured to close the housing.

~~76~~ 52. (Amended) A product application device, comprising:

a receptacle having a variable inside volume configured to contain a product;

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an applicator element;

a first portion and a second portion configured to cooperate together to define a substantially leak-proof enclosure for the applicator element; and

a dip tube configured to extend to the bottom of the receptacle,

wherein the dip tube is configured to enable the enclosure to be in flow communication with product flowing from the receptacle, and

wherein the first and second portions cooperate to define a removable unit.

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53. (Amended) The device of claim 50, wherein the device is configured to allow a reduction in the variable inside volume of the receptacle from a first volume to a second volume smaller than the first volume, and

wherein the reduction from the first volume to the second volume generates pressure inside the receptacle for causing the product to flow into the enclosure via the dip tube.

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54. (Amended) The device of claim 50, wherein the level of the product contained in the receptacle is selected so that, prior to first use, an end of the dip tube configured to extend substantially to the bottom of the receptacle lies above the level of product when the receptacle is turned upside-down.

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55. (Amended) The device of claim 56, wherein the end wall is substantially planar.

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~~58~~ <sup>49</sup> 60. (Amended) The device of claim ~~50~~ <sup>49</sup>, wherein the first and second portions are connected by screw fastening.

A21 ~~59~~ <sup>49</sup> 61. (Amended) The device of claim ~~50~~ <sup>49</sup>, wherein the first and second portions are connected by snap fastening.

~~60~~ <sup>49</sup> 62. (Amended) The device of claim ~~50~~ <sup>49</sup>, wherein the first and second portions are connected by a hinge.

A22 ~~63~~ <sup>49</sup> 71. (Amended) The device of claim ~~50~~ <sup>49</sup>, wherein the product contained in the receptacle comprises a cosmetic product.

A23 ~~71~~ <sup>49</sup> 79. (Amended) The device of claim ~~50~~ <sup>49</sup>, wherein the applicator element is fixed to one of the first portion and the second portion.

A24 ~~75~~ <sup>74</sup> 83. (Amended) The system of claim ~~82~~ <sup>74</sup>, comprising a product in the additional receptacle, wherein each of the receptacles contains a differing product.

~~83~~ <sup>83</sup> 84. (New) A product application device, comprising:  
a receptacle having a variable inside volume configured to contain a cosmetic or care product;  
a cosmetic or care product contained in the receptacle;  
an applicator element;

a housing for receiving at least part of the applicator element, wherein the housing comprises an opening through which said at least part of the applicator element passes;

a closure element configured to close the opening of the housing in a substantially leak-proof manner when the applicator element is received at least partially in the housing; and

a dip tube configured to extend substantially to the bottom of the receptacle, wherein the device is configured to enable the housing to be in flow communication with the product contained in the receptacle when the opening of the housing is closed by the closure element.

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85. (New) The device of claim 83, wherein the device is configured to allow a reduction in the variable inside volume of the receptacle from a first volume to a second volume smaller than the first volume, and

wherein the reduction from the first volume to the second volume generates pressure inside the receptacle for causing the product to flow into the housing via the dip tube.

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86. (New) The device of claim 83, wherein the level of the product contained in the receptacle is selected so that, prior to first use, an end of the dip tube configured to extend substantially to the bottom of the receptacle lies above the level of the product when the receptacle is turned upside-down.

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~~86~~ ~~87~~ (New) The device of claim ~~84~~ <sup>83</sup>, wherein the dip tube communicates with the housing at a bottom end of the housing.

~~87~~ ~~88~~ (New) The device of claim ~~84~~ <sup>83</sup>, wherein the housing comprises an end wall located at a bottom end of the housing.

~~88~~ ~~89~~ (New) The device of claim ~~88~~ <sup>87</sup>, wherein the dip tube is fixed to an end-piece integrally formed with the end wall.

~~89~~ ~~90~~ (New) The device of claim ~~88~~ <sup>87</sup>, wherein the dip tube is integrally formed with the end wall.

~~90~~ ~~91~~ (New) The device of claim ~~84~~ <sup>83</sup>, wherein the applicator element is removable from the housing.

~~91~~ ~~92~~ (New) The device of claim ~~84~~ <sup>83</sup>, wherein the applicator element is fixed to the closure element.

~~92~~ ~~93~~ (New) The device of claim ~~92~~ <sup>91</sup>, wherein the closure element is configured to define a handle.

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~~94~~. (New) The device of claim <sup>91</sup>~~92~~, wherein the housing comprises an end wall,  
and wherein the applicator element is configured to contact the end wall of the housing  
when the applicator element is received in the housing.

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~~95~~. (New) The device of claim <sup>83</sup>~~84~~, wherein the applicator element is fixed to the  
housing.

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~~96~~. (New) The device of claim <sup>83</sup>~~84~~, wherein the housing comprises an end wall,  
and wherein the applicator element and the end wall of the housing define a gap  
therebetween when the applicator element is in place on the receptacle, the gap being  
configured to allow product to accumulate therein.

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~~97~~. (New) The device of claim <sup>95</sup>~~96~~, wherein at least a portion of the applicator  
element comprises a surface having a recess configured to face the end wall of the  
housing when the applicator element is received in the housing.

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~~98~~. (New) The device of claim <sup>95</sup>~~96~~, wherein the end wall comprises a recessed  
portion extending away from the applicator element when the applicator element is  
received in the housing.

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~~99~~. (New) The device of claim <sup>87</sup>~~88~~, wherein the housing further comprises an  
intermediate wall situated between the applicator element and the end wall when the  
applicator element is received in the housing.

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(New) The device of claim ~~84~~, wherein at least one of the closure element and the housing defines a removable unit configured to be associated with the receptacle to fill the unit with the product, and

wherein the applicator element is received within the removable unit.

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(New) The device of claim ~~100~~, wherein the housing defines a body and the closure element defines a handle, the body and the handle cooperating to define an inside space in which the applicator element is contained.

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(New) The device of claim ~~101~~, wherein the removable unit comprises a check valve configured to allow product under pressure to pass to the inside space of the removable unit.

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(New) The device of claim ~~100~~, further comprising a portion configured to removably receive at least part of the removable unit, wherein the portion is located on the receptacle.

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(New) The device of claim ~~103~~, further comprising a second closure element for closing the portion when the removable unit is not received by the portion.

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(New) The device of claim ~~103~~, wherein the portion is configured to be in flow communication with the variable inside volume via the dip tube.

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